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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God, who sufferest no one that hopeth in Thee to be overmuch stricken, but lendeth a kindly ear to his prayers; we thank Thee for having heard our petitions and granted our desires, and we devoutly entreat Thee that what we have received may make us worthy to be delivered from all evil.

—Postcommunion from the Votive Mass of Thanksgiving.

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THANKSGIVING DAY 1941



"Are you having turkey at your house?" With the approach of Thanksgiving, 1941, America can still ask this familiar question. What simple peace and bliss such questions connote. While there is still time, let us make our hearts overflow with kindness, with that gratitude which springs from a great realization of the dependence of man upon God. Only by acknowledging benefits received can we make ourselves worthy of further and continued blessings.

Across the sea lies a continent torn and ravaged. Can such a state of abomination instill a spirit of thanksgiving? Europe has been showered in past centuries with endless blessings. But she had forgotten to offer a token of thanks, to groom herself for greater blessings. The Giver of all good gifts she had heartlessly disregarded. Forgotten, too, was the sacred author's warning: God is not mocked!

We Americans still have the priceless gift of freedom and the joy born of the happiness of faith. As an act of gratitude, could we possibly do better than to make the Ivory Tower of Freedom and Religion impregnable to every foe and endlessly desirable to all men of good will. This as a thanks-token is our duty.

And we American Catholic college students have particular reason for a day of thanks. Is not the wealth of Catholic culture ours for the asking? Are we not singularly blessed with the Presence of our Divine Leader in the Blessed Sacrament. Yes, and there He is waiting for us on Thanksgiving Day to partake of the Banquet Divine, waiting for us to give back, in utter gratitude, HIM AND OURSELVES to the Eternal Benefactor.

Men of St. Joseph's, gratefully hail your Leader by assisting at Mass and receiving Him in Holy Communion this Thanksgiving Day! This means all of you. For surely we would not have Him rebukingly ask: "And where are the other nine?"—(S.C.)

A CLEAN SWEEP

You know, fellows, we Catholic young men should need nothing more than the thought of the Blessed Virgin, Mother most pure, to keep us from using vulgar language. For some strange reason a great number of quaisi-men have come to associate cursing, swearing, and profanity with the idea that such speech is masculine. Some feel that it helps them to "let off steam." Others assert that it enables them to be "more emphatic." Usually, all of them justify their ill-becoming usage with a mere shrug of the shoulders, and an exclamation to the effect that they see no wrong in it.

Vulgar language, then, far from revealing strong will and intelligence, rather suggests moral weakness and varying degrees of ignorance. The very derivation of the word, vulgar, from the Latin - *vulgus* - meaning, mob, rabble, points to the unsavory origin of a supposedly manly usage. Vulgarity in its beginnings characterized the lowest elements of society, the scum of waterfronts, pirates, and galley slaves.

Very definite conclusions can be drawn concerning the man whose vocabulary abounds in vulgarisms. It is certain that such an individual lacks a disciplined mind. Further, that in using vulgar speech, he confesses his inability to transmit clearly the most elementary thought.

Look around you. The men that you admire and the men who have succeeded in life are most probably those whose words and actions exemplify high moral courage and admirable self-control. It cannot be otherwise.

We could go on giving you endless examples. Yet, we fail to understand why any Catholic young man would need them. As we said at the beginning, there is the Blessed Virgin. Certainly we wouldn't use vulgar talk in her presence.

Come on, fellows, wise up. If you are masters of yourselves, here is the chance to prove it. Habit can overcome habit. Gentlemen be gentlemen. Make Mary proud of you.—(S. C.)

NEWS DIGEST

RECORD ATTENDANCE

Collegeville, Ind.—Attendance at Mass and reception of Holy Communion reached a new high on the First Friday of the month. From the beginning of the school year, the members of the Senior class have established an enviable record in keeping their weekly Mass day. It is hoped that others will profit by these splendid examples of real Catholic Action.

CATHOLIC QUARTERLY IS PUBLISHED

St. Benedict, Oregon.—The first issue of the *Rock*, a national Inter-collegiate quarterly for Catholic colleges, was published here. The magazine publishes the work by undergraduate students at Catholic colleges.

DEFENSE COURSE AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Washington, D. C.—With an enrollment of more than 200, the special defense courses at the Catholic University are now in full swing, with a waiting list for ten subjects for which registration has been closed.

NEW YORK OFFICE FOR CCD

Washington, D. C.—An auxiliary office of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine publications has been established in New York City for the wider distribution of the revised New Testament and the revised Baltimore Catechism.

LABOR SCHOOL IN CLEVELAND

Cleveland, Ohio.—The first labor school in the Cleveland diocese is being conducted once a week under the direction of the Rev. John W. Lees, assistant of St. Augustine's parish.

K. OF C. GIVES DONATION

New Haven, Conn.—At a quarterly meeting of the supreme board of directors of the Knights of Columbus, three appropriations were voted, one being \$3,000 for the continuation of the Catholic Hour.

FATHER GILLIS AT PURDUE

Lafayette, Indiana.—Rev. James W. Gillis addressed a capacity audience in the spacious Hall of Music on the campus of Purdue University Sunday, November 2. Father Gillis spoke on the "Place of Joy in Religion."

DAYS OF GRACE, NOVEMBER 23-30

Many opportunities in varied fields are offered to St. Joe men. During the week of November 23 the greatest and most important one of the year will be offered—a Retreat conducted along the lines of a parish mission. These will be golden days of meditation on the eternal Truths, on the true end of our lives—days of grace, indeed!

Young men shrink from meditation, for fear of disturbing their lives. Truly reflection would bring about a change in the lives of every one of us. The only reason we remain in our present state is that we do not fully appreciate our life at its true worth.

A psychologist has said that if a man reflected on his business affairs for half an hour every day, riches would be showered upon him. It is well worth while making the same effort for supernatural riches, is it not? But what is a half hour? Would you not like to devote several successive days to prayer and meditation and self-examination? Here is your opportunity.—the DAYS OF GRACE, NOVEMBER 23-30.